

T-395
Voshell Farm
12018 Voshell Road
Cordova Vicinity
Ca. 1862 & ca. 1915-1960
Private

Voshell Farm is located on 4.35 acres of land to the northeast of the community of Cordova in Talbot County, Maryland and contains five structures. The structures include a residence, smokehouse, pump house, milk house, and machine shed.

The Voshell Farm is a representative example of a nineteenth-century farm with twentieth century improvements. The property, also known as the "Hopkins Farm" or the "Hopkins Home Farm," has been owned by the same family since 1872, when it was purchased by William J. Hopkins. Ulysses S. Voshell inherited the property in 1911 from the William J. Hopkins estate. The property has been passed down through subsequent generations to his descendants who currently own the property. The property was once associated with an orchard which has since died.

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1. Name of Property

historic Voshell Farm
other Hopkins Farm; Hopkins Home Farm

2. Location

street and number 12018 Voshell Road N/A not for publication
city, town Cordova X vicinity
county Talbot

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John Collins
street and number 12018 Voshell Road telephone
city, town Cordova state MD zip code 21625-2128

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 959 folio 579
city, town Easton tax map 12/2 tax parcel 31 tax ID number 155181

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	5	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	_____	_____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	5	_____ Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			0	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Summary Description

Voshell Farm is located on 4.35 acres of land to the northeast of the community of Cordova in Talbot County, Maryland and contains five structures. The structures include a residence, smokehouse, pump house, milk house, and machine shed.

The residence is located approximately one-eighth of a mile down a straight gravel access road. The outbuildings are arranged in a linear plan running diagonally from northwest to southeast from the rear of the residence. The property is surrounded by cultivated agricultural fields.

Residence, ca. 1862, 1912, 1940

The residence is two-stories tall with three phases of construction. The oldest portion of the building was a single-pen log building, constructed ca. 1862. A side addition with a hall and single-pen was constructed ca. 1912, creating a residence with a central hall, single-pile plan. The final phase of additions was constructed ca. 1940 when a single-pen rear ell was constructed with a shed roof porch. The building foundation was not visible. The cross-gable roof is clad with asphalt shingles. The building has an exterior end gable brick masonry chimney and two interior end gable brick masonry chimneys.

The east façade is the principle building entry. The walls are clad with asbestos siding over beveled wood siding. The building is entered through an enclosed porch with two three panel six-pane hinged wood doors leading into the ca. 1862 pen and the ca. 1912 hall. The windows are six-over-six wood sashes with one-over-one vinyl sashes in the enclosed porch. The enclosed porch has a shed roof covered with asphalt shingles.

The south façade is clad with asbestos siding over beveled wood siding. The windows are six-over-six wood sashes. There are no doors on this façade.

The west façade is clad with asbestos siding over beveled wood siding. The windows are six-over-six wood sashes. There are no doors on this façade. The rear porch has been enclosed and has a shed roof clad with asphalt shingles.

The north façade is clad with asbestos siding over beveled wood siding. The building is entered through a three panel four-pane hinged wood door leading into the ca. 1940 addition. The windows are six-over-six wood sashes.

The interior has four rooms on the first floor. The floors are of wood planks with a ca. 1912 open string staircase to the upper level. The ca. 1862 staircase is enclosed. The walls and ceiling are of plaster with the exception of the walls in the ca. 1862 portion of the house which are clad with wood paneling. A simple wood cornice runs through all of the rooms.

Smokehouse, ca. 1915

The smokehouse, constructed ca. 1915, is a one-story timber frame structure with an undivided interior space. The building rests on a dry laid stone masonry foundation. The walls are clad with three inches wide vertical beadboard which is manufactured to appear as 1-1/2-inch wide beadboard from a distance. The front-gable roof is clad with asphalt shingles. The building is accessed through a hinged wood plank door on the east façade. There are three six-pane wood hopper sash windows, which were added at a later date. The interior of the building is unfinished with a dry laid stone masonry floor.

Pump House, ca. 1955

The pump house, constructed ca. 1955, is a two-story timber frame structure with an undivided interior space. The half-buried first floor contains the pump, with storage on the second level. The building rests on a continuous concrete masonry unit and brick foundation. The walls are clad with three inches wide vertical beadboard which is manufactured to

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appear as 1-1/2-inch wide beadboard from a distance. The side gable roof is clad with asphalt shingles. The first floor of the building is accessed through a hinged wood plank door on the east façade. The second floor is accessed through a four panel four-pane hinged wood door on the east façade. The windows are six-over-six wood sashes. The interior of the building is unfinished with a dry laid stone masonry floor on the first level and a wood plank floor on the second level. The large scale of the building is due to the size of John Voshell, who constructed the building. The building was scaled to accommodate his girth when he went to service the pumps.

Milk House, ca. 1935

The ca. 1935 milk house is a one-story light timber frame structure with an undivided interior space. The building rests on a poured concrete slab. The walls are clad with three inches wide vertical beadboard which is manufactured to appear as 1-1/2-inch wide beadboard from a distance. The front-gable roof is clad with corrugated metal and has ventilation holes in the gable ends. The building is accessed through a hinged wood plank door on the east façade. The replacement units are two-pane horizontal vinyl sashes. The interior of the building is finished with a poured concrete floor, beadboard walls, and a beadboard ceiling.

Machinery Shed, date unknown

The machinery shed is five bays wide and is of timber frame construction with an open east façade. The shed rests on a combination continuous poured concrete and concrete masonry unit pier foundation. The walls are clad with vertical wood planks. The side gable roof is clad with standing-seam metal. There are no doors or windows. The interior of the building is unfinished with an earthen floor.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates 1860-1900; 1900-1914; 1920-1939 **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates ca. 1862 & ca. 1912-1955

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Summary Statement of Significance

The Voshell Farm represents the area of Agriculture between the years 1912 to 1955. This well preserved example of agricultural buildings is a representative example of a nineteenth century farm with twentieth century improvements, specifically from the Early Twentieth Century Stability (1900-1914) and the Post-War Recession, the Great Depression, and the New Deal (1920-1939) agricultural periods. The buildings on the property display the characteristics and building types associated with an orchard operation in Talbot County during this period.

Historical Background

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	4.35	
Acreage of historical setting	4.35	
Quadrangle name	Ridgely, MD	Quadrangle scale: 1: 24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the surveyed property is marked as current boundary as described on Talbot County Tax Map 12, Grid 2, Parcel 31. The existing parcel portion is concurrent with the historic setting, and includes character-defining resources and setting which relate to the property's construction and evolution.

11. Form Prepared by

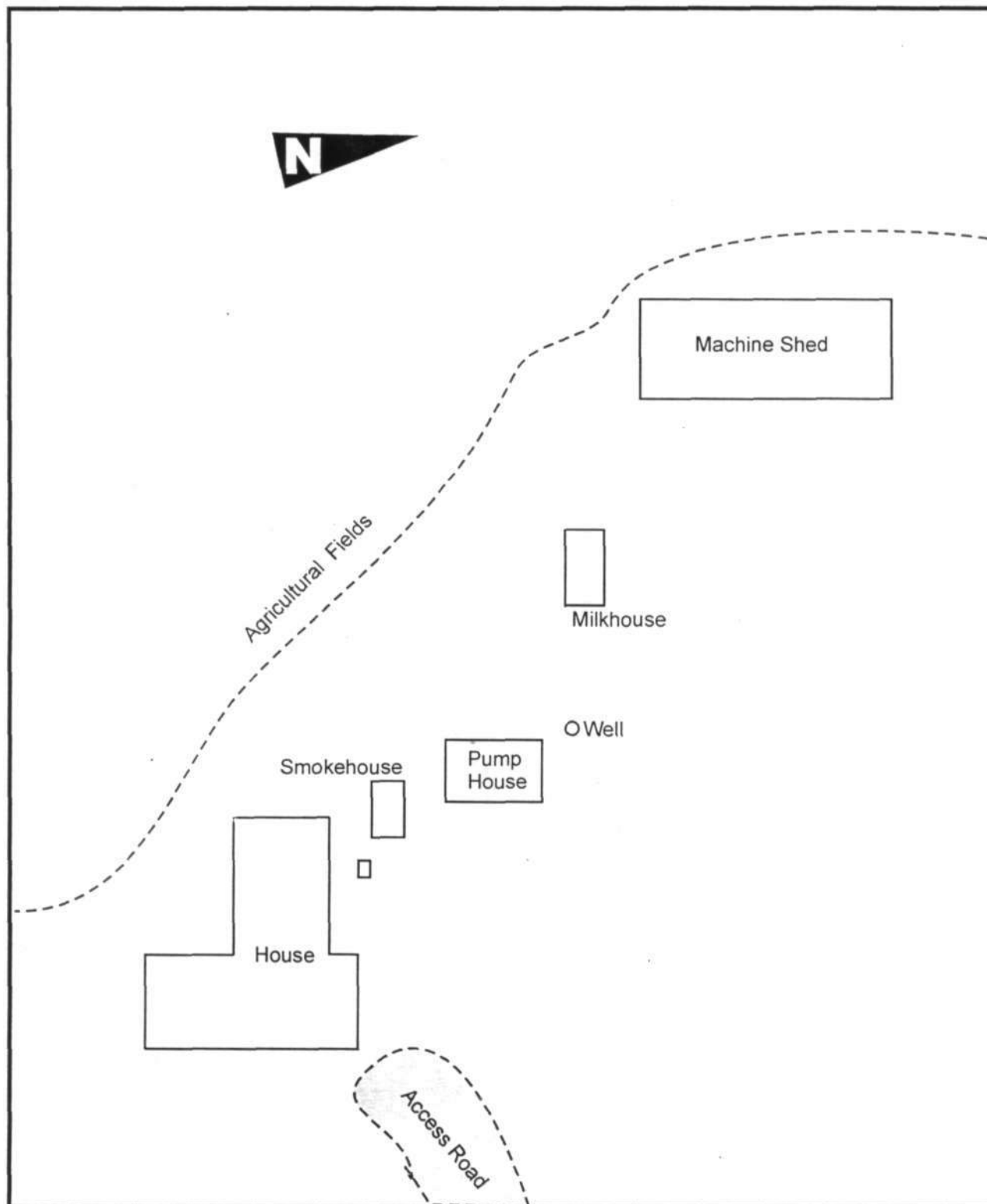
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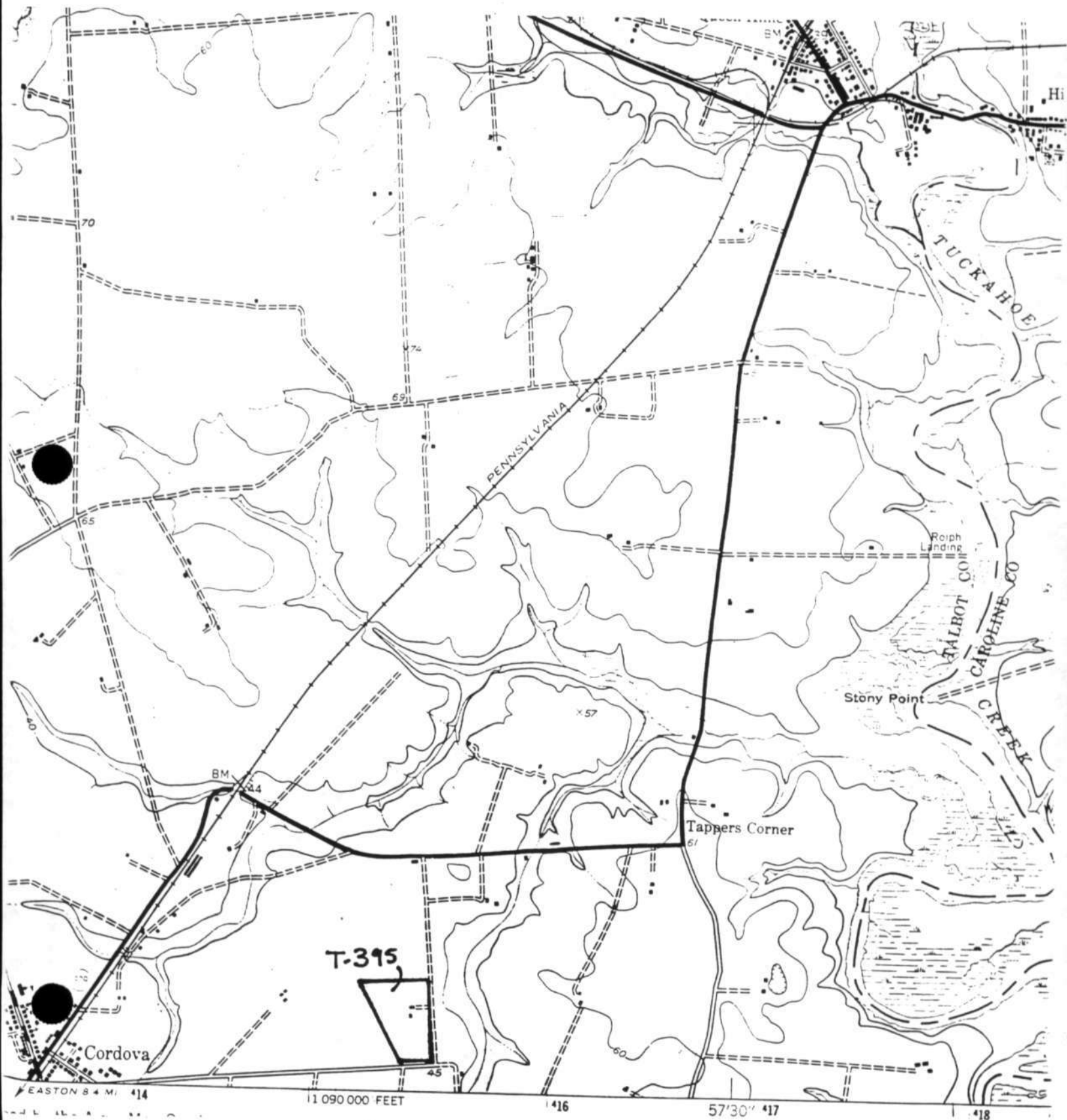
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Site Plan - 2003



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Voshell Farm
Ridgely, MD USGS Quad (1: 24,000)





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MD SHPO

MAIN HOUSE $\frac{3}{4}$ view look W

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MD SHPO

MAIN HOUSE FROM REAR 3/4 VIEW LOOK
NE

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Pump house w/c NE $\frac{3}{4}$ view

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Pumphouse Look W 3/4 view

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MILK p. BR 3/4 VIEW LOOK E

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Voshell farm

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Milk parlor $\frac{3}{4}$ view look W

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Voswell Farm

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MD SHPO

Machine Shed

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$\frac{3}{4}$ VIEW Look SW